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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CARPELAN, PAULUS

Examiner

Anh-Vu H. Ly

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 August 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This communication is in response to applicant's amendment filed August 21, 2006.

Claims 1-5 are currently pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by the admitted prior art disclosed in page 1 of the specification. Hereinafter, referred to as APA.

With respect to claim 1, APA discloses a method of assigning radio channels to a set of base stations in a wireless network, comprising:

determining a set of radio channels to include all radio channels which said set of base stations have at their disposal for communication (page 1, lines 8-9, wireless local area networks have 13 radio channels at their disposal), and

assigning one radio channel out of said determined set of radio channels to each base station during manufacture of the base stations (page 1, lines 9-10, one of which the base station determines to be used for local area network communication) in such a way that each radio channel in said determined set of radio channels is assigned substantially an equal number of times (page 1, lines 16-17, whereby for example the same radio channel is selected as the default

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value for all base stations. Herein, that same radio channel is assigned substantially an equal number of times).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2-5 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed August 21, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues in page 4 that the APA does not disclose assigning one radio channel out of said determined set of radio channels to each base station during manufacture of the base stations in such a way that each radio channel in said determined set of radio channels is assigned substantially an equal number of times as recited in claim 1.

Examiner respectfully disagrees. As recited in lines 5-7 of claim 1 "assigning one radio channel ... to each base station ... in such a way that each radio channel is assigned an equal number of times". Herein, as interpreted by the Examiner, the same radio channel in a set of radio channels is assigned to a number of base stations during manufacture an equal number of times. Herein, claim 1 does not recite that the same radio channel is assigned **to each base station of all the base stations during manufacture**. In other words, radio channel 1 is assigned to a first 5 base stations, then radio channel 2 is assigned to next 5 base stations, radio channel 3 is then assigned to another next 5 base stations. Herein, each radio channel 1, 2, or 3 is assigned an equal number of times, which is 5 times. Therefore, as clearly stated in the rejections of claim 1, the APA disclosed the claimed invention.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

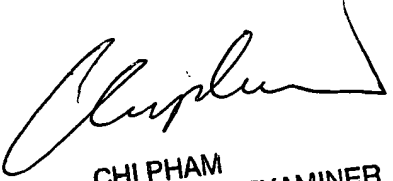
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anh-Vu H. Ly whose telephone number is 571-272-3175. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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